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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – JUNE 2018 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.33 billion pounds in June, down 1 percent from the 4.35 billion pounds produced in June 2017.

Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, up 1 percent from June 2017. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 1,321 pounds.

Veal production totaled 5.8 million pounds, 8 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 45,200 head, up 12 percent from June 2017. The average live weight was down 46 pounds from last year, at 223 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.01 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.61 million head, down 3 percent from June 2017. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 280 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.3 million pounds, was down 1 percent from June 2017. Sheep slaughter totaled 178,500 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 6 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2018 commercial red meat production was 26.3 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2017. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down slightly, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 5 percent.

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